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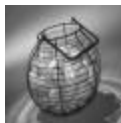
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were two cents higher on all weights. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were in close balance to fully adequate and confidently held. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Light type hens were usually adequate for the light to fair demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to good, usually moderate to fairly good. Institutional sales were light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times close and held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were very light to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate to instances ample. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

			IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
	RANGE	MOSTLY		RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-76	70-73	LARGE	48-57	52
LARGE	66-75	68-71	MEDIUM	43-49	47
MEDIUM	61-70	63-66	SMALL	27-31	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were close balanced on lighter weight, adequate to fully sufficient on larger sizes. Breaking stock offerings were short to barely adequate for reduced processing schedules. Light type hen demand was fair at best for mostly adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-79
LARGE	69-83	74-78
MEDIUM	64-77	69-71

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail demand ranged light to good, usually moderate to fairly good. Loose egg sales were light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to close and held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were very light to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate to instances ample. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	72.5-81	74-77
MEDIUM	67.5-76	69-72

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close and confidently held. Breaking stock offerings were short to barely sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were usually adequate for the light to fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-85.25	75-78
LARGE	72-84.25	73-76
MEDIUM	66.5-74	67-71

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were 2 cent higher on extra large, large and medium when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to good. Supplies ranged close balanced to fully adequate, with lighter weights in the best position.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	85-89
LARGE	83-87
MEDIUM	78-82

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74-82	75-77
LARGE	72-80	73-75
MEDIUM	67-75	68-70

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 6% higher than last week with California down 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 16%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 1% lower than last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in firm hands. Small benchmark price 85.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	117
LARGE	111
MEDIUM	105

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-319	JUMBO	
LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	199-289	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-245	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 05, 2007 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 29, 2006 were 350,926 cases which was 11 percent below the prior week and 7 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	307,843	43,083	350,926
% change from the prior week.....	-12	-3	-11

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday's reported prices. Demand was light to moderate as breakers assess current production needs. Offerings were very light to adequate. Floor stocks were adequate to instances ample as many breakers had taken advantage of additional offerings last week and were recovering from reduced holiday schedules. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	38-39	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-30	25-27
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-JAN-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7.5 CENTS/LB.		4.83
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Offerings were noted as seasonally light to fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for were reduced due to the holiday. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-JAN-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-8 CENTS/LB.		4.67
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

CANADIAN EGGS

- DATA UNAVAILABLE -

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JAN 01, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		North Cent	South Cent	South Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.9	17.3	7.8	13.3	10.2
	Change	1.1	-2.8	-0.1	3.5	1.3
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.2	45.0	10.8	20.2	34.4
	Change	-1.4	-3.6	-2.8	-1.8	-0.8
Large	Curr Wk	39.4	110.7	79.5	91.3	101.3
	Change	14.4	-36.5	-4.4	0.8	10.3
Medium	Curr Wk	7.3	41.8	20.5	13.9	24.9
	Change	-0.9	0.0	-1.0	2.7	-3.0
Small	Curr Wk	2.7	7.4	2.7	3.3	2.5
	Change	-0.8	1.6	0.8	0.0	1.2
Misc	Curr Wk	3.2	23.3	9.8	9.3	5.8
	Change	0.8	-0.4	0.1	-1.2	-0.5
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.2	62.7	19.8	29.5	22.0
	Change	-0.6	14.9	-5.1	0.6	2.9
Total	Curr Wk	88.9	308.2	150.9	180.8	201.1
Percent	Change	17%	-8%	-8%	3%	6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	929.9	-1%	160
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	274.7	16%	33
Total Shell Egg	1204.6	2%	193

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 160 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 29, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 7.00**FUTURE LOADS** 4.25**TOTAL LOADS** 11.25

SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG DST	ORG DST	ORG DST	ORG DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG DST	ORG DST	ORG DST	ORG DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1.00	GNR W 1	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1.00
GL W XL	-- --	-- 69.00	-- 58.00	-- --	5.00	GL W XL	61.00 --	-- --	-- --	69.78	2.25
GL W LG	-- --	-- --	61.00 --	-- --	3.25	GL W LG	57.57 62.00	-- --	-- --	71.43	2.75

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/25/06-12/29/06**CURRENT LOADS** 68.00**FUTURE LOADS** 41.00**TOTAL LOADS** 109.00

SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG DST	ORG DST	ORG DST	ORG DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG DST	ORG DST	ORG DST	ORG DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	51.17 --	52.75 53.00	52.00 56.00	27.00		GNR W 1	-- 59.00	-- --	-- --	-- --	5.00
GL W J	-- --	69.00 70.50	81.00 --	1.25		GL W J	70.00 --	-- --	61.00 74.00	2.25	
GL W XL	-- 62.75	61.00 61.38	56.91 --	44.75		GL W XL	70.33 64.50	-- --	-- 73.16	12.75	
GL W LG	-- --	-- 57.00	54.23 --	35.25		GL W LG	61.90 62.00	-- --	-- 68.86	15.50	
GL W MD	63.00 58.75	57.38 59.50	-- --	9.00		GL W MD	55.56 62.00	-- --	-- 63.00	4.75	
GL W SM	-- --	48.00 51.00	-- --	1.00		GL BR XL	-- --	-- --	-- 96.75	.50	
GL BR XL	-- --	-- --	-- --	.50		GL BR LG	-- --	-- --	-- 92.00	1.25	
GL BR LG	-- --	-- --	109.00 --	1.25		NRBS - 48	-- --	-- --	-- --	1.00	
NRBS - 48	-- --	-- --	-- --	38.52 42.00							
NRBS - 42	-- --	-- --	-- --	31.00 8.00							

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/01/07	12/25/06	01/02/06
PACIFIC COAST	33	33	131
LOSANGELES	29	29	91

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98.69
LARGE	97.69
MEDIUM	86.43
SMALL	66.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS JANUARY 01, 2007

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz. 2	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

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Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation
Report Period: 12/24/2006 - 12/30/2006

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,323	2,323
Arkansas	0	0	792	792
Colorado	0	0	4,142	4,142
Illinois	120	0	0	120
Iowa	3,487	0	24,957	28,444
Maine	0	0	750	750
Michigan	0	811	4,721	5,532
Minnesota	4,155	1,425	7,063	12,643
Missouri	0	0	6,362	6,362
Nevada	0	0	3,600	3,600
North Carolina	0	0	4,000	4,000
Ohio	0	0	3,840	3,840
Oregon	1,846	324	0	2,170
Pennsylvania	0	0	780	780
South Dakota	0	0	615	615
Texas	0	0	5,761	5,761
Utah	0	2,155	6,840	8,995
Wisconsin	0	750	0	750
Grand Total	9,608	5,465	76,546	91,619
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY	9,608	5,465	76,546	91,619